PRESENT—*cont.*

Pattagar of Palayakottai.
Peddiraju, Mr. P.
Premayya, Mr. G. R.
Rajagopala Pillai, Mr. P. V.
Raja of Khallikote.
Ramachandra Padayachi, Mr. P. K.
Ramamurti, Rao Sahib Pandit Ganala.
Raman Menon, Mr. K. P.
Ramaswami Ayyar, Mr. T. S.
Ramaswami Mudaliyar, Mr. V. M.
Ranganatha Mudaliyar, Mr. A.
Ranganatha Mudaliyar, Mr. G.
Ranganatha Mudaliyar, Mr. M. D. T.
Rangaswami Reddi, Mr. M. B.
Sahajanandam, Swami A. S.
Sami Venkatachalam Chetti, Mr.
Shetty, Mr. A. B.
Simhachalam Pantulu, Mr. G.
Siva Raj, Rao Sahib N.
Smith, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. E. Conran.
Soundara Pandian, Mr. W. P. A.
Sreshta, Mr. M. S.
Srinivasa Ayyangar, Mr. T. C.
Srinivasan, Rao Bahadur R.
Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr. A. Mc. G. C.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Chemudu.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.

I.—SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following new Members were sworn in:—

(1) Mr. W. H. Miller.

(2) ,, J. K. Metherell.

(3) ,, A. McG. C. Tampoe.

(4) Khan Bahadur Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY WITH THE PROVINCES AFFECTED BY THE EARTHQUAKE.

* Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Mr. President, I beg to move—

'*that this Council, on behalf of the Presidency of Madras, expresses its sincere sympathy with the Provinces affected by the recent earthquake in the appalling loss of life and destruction of property suffered by them in consequence thereof.*'

"Sir, loss of life and property especially in the Province of Bihar is a well-known fact to all the Members of this House. His Excellency the Viceroy has issued an appeal to the public to subscribe liberally to alleviate the suffering and distress in that Province. His Excellency the Governor has also made an appeal to the public to liberally contribute to the fund that has been announced by His Excellency the Viceroy and, I am sure, the people in the South, in their generous way, will do what they can to relieve the distress in Bihar. The leading local papers, the *Hindu* and the *Madras Mail*, have started funds of their own for helping the afflicted people in Bihar and I am gratified to note that the public response, specially to the appeal made

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by the *Hindu*, has been great and I am sure the editor and the proprietors of the *Hindu* and the *Madras Mail* deserve our thanks for the timely way in which they have stepped in to organize help to the afflicted people of Bihar. I also make a personal appeal to you, Mr. President, to see whether we cannot do anything more than expressing our sincere sympathy and raise a fund towards helping the people of Bihar. Only yesterday the Governor of Bihar issued an appeal and stated in what way the loss of life and property has been great. He estimates the loss to the Province in crores of rupees. It is impossible, as things stand to-day, for merely official agencies to repair the great loss and unless the people who have got money and can afford to help the afflicted people come forward, I am sure the difficulties of Bihar will be greater than they are to-day. I hope that not only this Council will pass this resolution, but with your help, Mr. President, Members will try to contribute their share towards relieving the distress in Bihar."

* The hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"I beg to second the motion and I am sure that the public of this Presidency will rise equal to the occasion by giving liberal contributions to the fund that has been opened in this connexion."

The resolution was put and carried unanimously.

III.—RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR GEORGE STANLEY ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ACTING VICEROY AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF INDIA.

* Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Mr. President, the resolution that I am about to move is a formal one congratulating His Excellency Sir George Stanley on his appointment as Acting Viceroy and Governor-General of India. The resolution runs thus:

> '*this Council most respectfully congratulates His Excellency Sir George Stanley on his appointment as Acting Viceroy and Governor-General of India.*'

"Sir, if I state that a person who is not known for co-operation with the Government, whose name I am not free to divulge, wrote to me when this appointment was announced that he was pleased that His Excellency was appointed as Acting Viceroy, because he was always fascinated by his straightness, we can understand in what esteem His Excellency is held in the Province. That is indeed a good test of opinion. Whatever may be the difference of opinion we may have had with His Excellency the Governor, I am sure everybody will admit that he has done everything according to his conscience and is helping forward the progress of this Province in the sphere of self-Government and the attainment of Swaraj. We are indeed gratified to note that it has been given to him, before he lays down his high office, to act as Viceroy and Governor-General of India and may I say that I am voicing the opinion of the whole Presidency when I say that we are delighted on his appointment as Viceroy. I hope that during such